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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FANK TACTICAL PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATIONS

1. MAP PSYWAR SUPPORT PROVIDED FANK PRIOR TO MOVEMENT OF 7TH PSYOPS GROUP FROM OKINAWA TO FORT BRAGG INCLUDED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, POSTERS, LEAFLETS FOR USAF C-130 AND KAF AIRDROPS, AND A VARIETY OF ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO FANK MILITARY DEPENDENTS. (USAF C-130 LEAFLET AIRDROPS WERE DISCONTINUED AS CONSEQUENCE OF FUEL CRISIS.) EARLIER MAP PSYOPS SUPPORT HAS INCLUDED PRINTING PRESSES, LOUDSPEAKER EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS, AND SOME EQUIPMENT SUPPORT FOR FANK POLWAR BATTALION.

2. IN RECENT MONTHS, UTILIZATION OF KAF ASSETS HAS IM-  
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PROVED MARKEDLY. SOME FANK COMMANDERS, FURTHERMORE, HAVE

EVINCED A GREATER APPRECIATION OF AND INTEREST IN PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS AIMED AT ENEMY UNITS IN SPECIFIC COMBAT SITUATIONS. THE OVERALL ENVIRONMENT FOR PSYOPS HAS ALSO BEEN ENHANCED AS (A) KC UNITS HAVE BEEN FORCED INTO A DEFENSIVE POSTURE AS A RESULT OF FANK INITIATIVES IN A NUMBER OF KEY MILITARY OPERATIONS; (B) MORALE IN SOME KC UNITS HAS DETERIORATED DUE TO CASUALTIES, SICKNESS, FOOD SHORTAGES AND UNDER-STRENGTH UNITS COMPRISED OF YOUNGER, INADEQUATELY TRAINED PERSONNEL OF BOTH SEXES; (C) KC AUTHORITIES HAVE INSTITUTED HARSH NEW ANTI-BUDDHIST POLICIES AND POLITICAL-ECONOMIC CONTROL MEASURES WHICH HAVE ALIENATED INCREASING NUMBERS OF KHMER VILLAGERS LIVING IN COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED ZONES; (D) THE FLOW OF REFUGEES SEEKING GKR SECURITY HAS CONTINUED UNABATED DURING 1974 AND AN INCREASING NUMBER OF RALLIERS HAS COME OVER TO THE GKR SIDE.

3. THE CADRE OF FANK OFFICERS WHO ARE SUFFICIENTLY QUALIFIED TO MOUNT PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS AGAINST THE KC IS SMALL, INDEED. ON THE OTHER HAND, SEVERAL UNIT COMMANDERS HAVE EXPRESSED SERIOUS INTEREST IN EXPLOITING KC VULNERABILITIES IN SPECIFIC TACTICAL SITUATIONS WITH A VIEW TO CAUSING A FURTHER DETERIORATION OF KC MORALE AND ENCOURAGING MORE RALLIERS. THIS MISSION BELIEVES THAT A LIMITED AND HIGHLY SELECTIVE TACTICAL PSYOPS EFFORT OF THIS KIND COULD YIELD DIVIDENDS WITH A MINIMUM EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AND FANK PERSONNEL.

4. TO THAT END, WE REQUEST THAT FANK BE SUPPLIED WITH ENOUGH PAPER TO SUPPORT FIFTEEN KAF AIRDROP LEAFLET MISSIONS TARGETTED AGAINST SPECIFIC ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS DURING THE NEXT THREE MONTHS. MESSAGES AND THEMES WILL BE DEVELOPED BY FANK DIVISION-LEVEL PSYOPS OFFICERS AND LEAFLET TEXTS WILL BE PRINTED USING EXISTING FANK/EMG PRESSES. MEDTC, WHILE TOTALLY SUPPORTING MERITS OF THE FANK PSY-WAR EFFORT, IS UNABLE TO MEET THIS PAPER REQUIREMENT FROM MAP-CB DUE TO SEVERELY CONSTRAINED FUNDING. MEDTC WILL, HOWEVER, CLOSELY MONITOR THE USE OF THE PAPER AND INSIST THAT IT MUST BE USED SOLELY FOR TACTICAL PSYOPS. AFTER THESE INITIAL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT, THE

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PROGRAM WILL BE EVALUATED TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT WARRANTS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.  
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